

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE HIGH THIS YEAR

Daily Average for November 442 Better Than the Previous Year.

The daily attendance of pupils in the schools of Fairmont Independent school district for November 1919 exceeded the attendance for the corresponding month of 1918 by 442. This fact is noted in the report of City Superintendent of Schools Otis G. Wilson to the Board of Education of the district. The enrollment for November 1919 is 1,466 as against 2,222 for November 1918 an increase of 234. The daily attendance for November 1919 is 3,174 as compared with 1,732 for November 1918. There were 1,263 pupils who neither missed a day nor were tardy in November 1919 as against 774 for November 1918.

For the month of November the Barnes school showed an enrollment of 451 with a daily attendance of 215, ninety-five of which were perfect in attendance.

The Butcher school had an enrollment of 290 with a daily average attendance of 258, with 133 pupils perfect in attendance.

The Fleming school had an enrollment of 260 with an average attendance of 226, of which 108 were perfect.

The Miller school had an enrollment of 244 with an average attendance of 228, of which 238 were perfect in attendance.

The White school enrolled 332 and had an average attendance of 283 of which number 159 were perfect in attendance.

The High school enrolled 542 and had an average daily attendance of 455, of which 455 were perfect in attendance.

The Dunbar school had an enrollment for the month of 157 with 139 average attendance 72 of which were perfect.

FAIRVIEW

Mrs. Brooks Fordyce was a Fairmont visitor recently.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cunningham spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunter were guests of John Snodgrass and family.

Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Coffman have gone for a visit to Charleston and other points.

Hamilton, McBea and Company have sold their store to Yost Bros. who will take charge at once.

Mrs. W. D. Reed of Fairmont was the guest of Mrs. Ida Hall Saturday.

The girls basketball team had an interesting game at Jane Lew Friday night. The score was 20-16 for Fairview. Miss Alice Virginia Cook captained the girls on the trip.

A Christmas bazaar and supper will be held Saturday evening, December 20, in the basement of the M. E. church. The ladies in charge are busy getting ready and they will have a very attractive display. A lovely line of hand-made articles which will make ideal Christmas gifts will be on sale. Also a chicken supper will be served at 50 cents a plate. Miss Jessie Cook returned to Fairmont after visiting her sister, Miss Alice Cook.

Charles Morgan of Farmington visited friends here Sunday.

The Luvetorp basketball team will play Fairview in the gymnasium Wednesday night 7:45.

The schools will close Friday, 19th for the holidays.

Mrs. T. J. Cordray of Fairmont was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jacob Greaser.

Mrs. Rose Smith returned to her home in Fairmont after visiting Mr. Al Smith and family.

Evening Chat

Three Conversations.

I couldn't help overhearing three conversations yesterday while visiting Fairmont stores, all typical of the varied sorts of happiness rife today. In one of the ten cent stores I ran across a woman and two children Christmas shopping. The three of them were just as happy as they could be, each planning out loud what he was going to give—in the way of presents with very evidently every present to be bought at the ten cent store. And why not? There were picture books, dishes, games, ties, towels, ornaments and many other things spread in tempting array on the counters. There was a present for every member of any family there and if we mean it when we say that the remembrance is what counts there are plenty of available remembrances in the city and I was glad to see that one family was satisfied with small, useful inexpensive gifts.

Next I chanced to overhear women discussing Christmas on the street outside. I walked just behind. Said one "Well, I never know what to buy Mrs. So and So, she's so particular. She has everything in the world—fine china, cut glass, silver! She doesn't need gloves or handkerchiefs for she told me she had a drawer full of them saved from last Christmas. I wish I could just skip her this year but she always gives me something and I don't dare!"

Said another: "Isn't Christmas a bore? I'll be so glad when it's all over. My three children all demand such costly presents and this year the things they want cost more than ever. I hate to disappoint them so I suppose I'll get them what they want." The third was not more than sixteen years of age. She had been walking sulkily by the side of her mother since the conversation began. Now she spoke: "I wish my mother would get me what I want! I want a wrist watch and she won't get it. I think it's real mean of her. All the girls have one!"

And now occurred a small argument which went something like this: "I never knew such a child. She doesn't consider anyone but herself. Her father gets her everything he can afford, and she is never satisfied! A wrist watch is much beyond her pocket book this year, with four other children in the family to buy presents for. I do wish you would tell me what to do. I'm simply miserable over Christmas, for I know no matter what I buy for Marie, she will shrug her shoulders and cry for the watch!" Poor little mother.

The third conversation occurred as I passed a beautiful car which stopped for a moment to allow two women and one man to alight. The women looked magnificently and the man looked as if he had just stepped from a band box. A fine seal collar to the coat shone gloriously. I heard these words: "You'd better get her the furs, Bessie—they won't cost over \$100. I'm going over to the jewelry store after that pearl ring. Tell John to run in and lay in a supply of four, five pound boxes of candy, and a half dozen smaller sizes. I'll be so glad when Christmas is over!" John was the chauffeur who looked as though he thought life a great bore.

I thought as I went home what a queer jumble Christmas time was anyway. There were the three in the ten cent store having the time of their lives. Then there came the daughter who grieved because she couldn't have a wrist watch instead of over the worries which harassed her parents. I happened to know that the girl who complained had a mother who could get actual value out of every dime which was given her to spend and that the discontented child had much to be thankful for.

As for the rich folks with barrels of money, I've no doubt they call

themselves hard up this Christmas because they can only afford \$100 furs and pearl rings. No doubt the man with the fine coat would have preferred one which cost twice that amount but for economical reasons was getting along with the one he wore. No doubt the fine car was getting "too old for any use"—quite "out of style." And so it goes.

MANNINGTON

Moves to Clarksburg.

Mrs. C. L. Cottrell and sons will leave on Saturday of this week for Clarksburg where they will reside. Mrs. Cottrell having sold her residence on Burt Hill to a Mr. Anderson.

Patients Out.

Miss Goldie Bock is out again after an attack of appendicitis at her home in Beatty avenue. Her brother, Howard is also out after a week's illness.

Recovers from Operation.

Mrs. James W. Coad of Buffalo street is improving rapidly from a surgical operation which she underwent at her home a few weeks ago. She is now able to sit up.

Funeral Services.

Funeral services for Clayton E. Coleman, who died at his home in Baltimore, Md., on December 13 of heart failure after a long siege of typhoid fever was held at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary Purbee Coleman on Saturday, December 13 at 2:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. John Beddoe, pastor of the M. E. church. A selection of hymns were rendered by a quartet from this church. Mr. Coleman was thirty six years old. He graduated from the Mannington high school in the class of 1896. He joined the church in Bremen, Ohio in 1912. He is survived by his mother, his wife, a daughter Harriett, and a brother, J. Howard Coleman of Peoria, Ill. At the time of his demise he was engaged as Superintendent of a wholesale business concern in Baltimore.

Out Again.

Guy Hennen is out again after a week's illness of tonsillitis at his home in Brookside.

Sells Property.

J. R. Timms of Pittsburgh, formerly of Mannington has sold his residence in Brookside to Ben S. Smith, telephone line superintendent for the Eureka Pipe Line Company in this district.

Hotel Arrivals.

Bartlett—W. E. Davis, Wheeling; E. E. Church, Fairmont; Harry A. Bee, Pennsboro; H. E. Cochran, Clarksburg; J. M. Coogle, New Martinsville; Geo. C. Hargrove, J. B. Hovemill, Mr. Duval, J. F. Sampson, Pittsburgh; E. D. Marquis, Marietta, O.; W. O. Hall, Cincinnati.

Wells—W. A. Zaritz, H. P. Brown, Wheeling; Clyde Jacobs, H. C. Willis, Morgantown; C. B. Furlay, N. A. Farmer, Fairmont; H. E. Looman, Wallace, J. Ruckman, Chicago; E. C.

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Municipal Ticket Named.

At a convention held at the Mayors office on Monday evening the following ticket was named to be voted on at the municipal election, Thursday, Jan. 1, 1920. Mayor, Chas. R. Atha; Recorder, J. Lane Parrish; Councilmen A. J. McDaniel, E. L. Billingsley, Chas. E. Parish, Claude C. Tetric and Raymond Studler.

Another Convention.

The Executive Committee of the Citizens Party has issued a call for a convention to be held on Monday evening in the Oakes building at which time a municipal ticket will be placed in the field.

Personals.

W. F. Sandy was visiting the family of his daughter Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Armstrong in Fairmont on Monday. Mrs. S. J. Sturm was a visitor in Fairmont on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Cole of Anna-helle were shopping in town on Tuesday. Thos. R. Millan was a visitor in Fairmont on Monday. State Hotel Inspector R. B. Phillips of Clarksburg was a recent visitor here.

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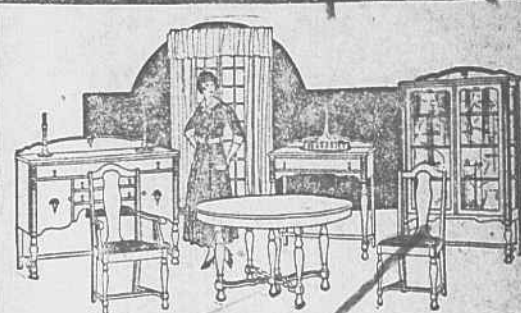
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